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1. [REDACTED] any Soviet troops in Manchuria, but thousands of Soviet civilians have come into all parts of Manchuria. Most of them wear some type of non-military uniform. Many are said to be secret police and political workers.
2. Soviet influence in Manchuria is evidenced by the Chinese Communists copying Soviet five-year plans for rehabilitation.
3. The only Manchurian produce of any value and quantity going to Russia is large cargoes of grains for which payment is made in military supplies.
25X1X [REDACTED] trainloads of small arms, weapons and ammunition arrive in Manchuria from Russia.
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4. All good machinery and equipment was removed from Manchuria by the Soviet army, and only ancient Czech or Japanese equipment and the industrial plants remain.
5. The Communist attitude toward this removal is that the Soviets were fooled into this action at the insistence of Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek.
6. In regard to the Soviet occupation of Dairen, the Communists claim that the Soviets are temporarily holding Dairen for them and, upon the Communist conquest of all China, will leave Dairen.
7. Harry A. Kusif, a representative of the Czech Skoda Works, returned to Harbin and attempted to get orders for his firm's equipment from the Chinese Communists. However, the Communists do not appear to wish to work with Czech firms because of Soviet control*, which would enable the Soviets to have full knowledge of the Chinese-Czech transactions. The Communists would apparently prefer to buy from England, and would reluctantly accept US products.
8. There are about 360 Germans in Harbin, mostly women and children. The Soviets took the German men to Russia as prisoners, and no word has come back. Very little mail has arrived in Harbin from persons who have returned to Russia.

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9. There are 60,000 Japanese in Manchuria, most of whom are doing compulsory technical work for the Chinese Communists. [REDACTED] over 1,000 Japanese 25X1X doing slave labor in a large mine north of Harbin on the Amur River supervised by a Japanese who was formerly a professor at the Changchun University. 25X1X
10. [REDACTED] any Japanese in the Communist Army, [REDACTED] 25X1X battalions of Korean troops who moved south with the Communist advance, 25X1X [REDACTED] these troops to be Koreans who had been trained by the Japanese.
- 111 Top-level Chinese Communists in the technical field are sincere and desire the advice of experienced foreigners, but they can do little, since they can make no authoritative decisions. The entire system is bogged down by the Communist custom of calling meetings to discuss every minor matter, whether it is technical, administrative or any other.

* [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably, Soviet control over Czechoslovakia.

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